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15. 1 ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT Sec. 3.3(b) (1) ARGENTINE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF VIOLA HE WAS TOLD THAT THE ARMY PLANS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE NATION WITHIN 8-10 DAYS (19-20 DEC). HE ADDED THAT TAKING CONTROL DOES NOT MEAN A GOLPE IN THE NORMAL

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SENSE, IN THAT NEITHER PRESIDENT PERON NOR HER CABINET WOULD BE FORCED TO LEAVE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT GENERAL VIDELA WOULD LEAD THE MOVEMENT USING AS A PRETEXT THE DETEIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY.

2. ([redacted]) THE PLAN CALLS FOR A STATE OF SIEGE TO BE DECLARED EXACT MEANING UNCLEAR TO ROLN REQUIRING MILITARY CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE NATION. WITHIN THE FIRST 24 HOURS, THE SENATE AND CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WOULD BE CLOSED. THE PRESIDENT AND HER MINISTERS WOULD BE RENDERED IMPOTENT DUE TO ARMY CONTROL OF THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT. THE ARMY REPORTEDLY PLANS TO MAINTAIN THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX (6) MONTHS WHICH WOULD BRING THE NATION CLOSE TO ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF 1976. DURING THE INTERIM, THE ARMED FORCES WOULD AUDIT THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF UNIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN ORDER TO SMOKE OUT THE CORRUPT POLITICIANS AND UNION LEADERS. BY NOT DISMISSING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, ALLOWING THEM TO RESIGN IF DESIRED, THE ARMY HOPES TO AVOID MAKING MARTYRS OUT OF THE PERONIST LEADERS.

3. ([redacted]) COMMENT: AS MENTIONED IN IR (b)(3):10 USC 424 COUP RUMORS ARE BECOMING MORE PREVALENT. IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO SOURCE HOW ARMY PLANS TO PULL OFF THE TAKE OVER OF THE COUNTRY PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE WAS NOT FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE DETAILS. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AS HE OBTAINED IT. THE TIMING OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION MIGHT ALSO BE PREMATURE AS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A LATE FEBRUARY MOVE WOULD BE MORE LOGICAL AND NOT INTERFERE WITH THE TRADITIONAL SUMMAR VACATION. THE CLOSURE OF CONGRESS WOULD PRECLUDE THE LEGAL PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSOR (SEN LUDER) FROM TAKING OFFICE. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY PLAN DESCRIBED BY THE SOURCE SEEMS A BIT FAR-FETCHED AND NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR TIME FRAME, IT CANNOT BE DISMISSED IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN GOLPE RUMORS BEING HEARD IN THE CAPITAL. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORD WITH EMBASSY.

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